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Mr. Charles Westcott
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Dear Sir:

We have just today received through the Secretary of State, Santa Fe, New Mexico, your letter dated November 9, 1943, with the request that we reply to you relative to the names of mountains in southern New Mexico.

We do not have a copy of the Sixth Report of the United States Geographical Board and did not know that the Sacramento Mountains were located in as many as four counties of New Mexico, and neither have we ever heard that the Sacramento Mountains were extended into Texas. We have observed, however, on a United States map by Rand & McNally that the Sacramento Mountains extend into Texas, but believed that the extension was occasioned by the size of the type used in the words "Sacramento Mts.".

It has been the writer's belief, after thirty-four years residence at Carlsbad, that the Sacramento Mountains are located only as shown on the official road map of New Mexico, 1942, copy of which has been mailed under another cover.

We are also sending you with the New Mexico map, official highway map of Texas, 1942 Fall edition, and you will note that it makes no reference to Sacramento Mountains.

As indicated by the Texas map, Guadalupe Mountains do extend south of the New Mexico - Texas boundary, and terminate at Guadalupe Peak, which Texas calls "El Capitan" although that is not the correct geographical name. Immediately to the south of the Guadalupes in Texas are the Delaware Mountains as indicated on the highway map.

According to our information, the Sacramentos, the Guadalupes and the Delaware Mountains each is a separate entity, so to speak, and are not classified as being a part of the Sacramentos.

We are hopeful that the highway maps will be of some assistance, but you realize, of course, that the United States Geographical Survey is the final authority on location and nomenclature.

Very truly yours,

CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By (Signed)
Victor L. Minter, Secretary

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